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Title:

Online System and Method of Locating Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations in the

Enterprise Production Pipeline and Inventory

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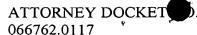
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUBMITTED BEFORE MAILING OF THE REOUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Liang-che Alex Wang, for indicating that the references listed on PTO Form-1449 attached to the enclosed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 30, 2000 have been considered.

Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement dated August 30, 200, which the Examiner has failed to consider entirely. This IDS was mailed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicant respectfully



requests the Examiner to consider all of the art cited on the IDS dated August 30, 2000, and in the event a paten issues on this Application, that this art be printed on the face of the issued patent. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests a copy of the PTO Form-1449 for the IDS indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references (i.e., by initialing the PTO Form 1449 next to the listing for each reference). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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Respectfully submitted, BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title:

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Date: August 30, 2000

Sir:

Forms PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B are submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above identified application. In accordance with Patent Office guidelines, copies of the citations listed on the attached form are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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